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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms was steady. Limited trading of whole birds are reported for prompt shipment that are within our range of asking prices. Demand light to moderate with interest for Thanksgiving noted. Offerings more than adequate for trade needs. Parts and meats trading mixed as a fair volume of tom breast meat was moved to the domestic trade.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light and trading was slow. Trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat and on a light volume of tom 2-joint wings. Most interest coming from Russia, Asia and Mexico.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 15, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	61	61.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	60	60.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	59-59.5	59.10	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58.5-60	58.5	58.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	61.27	61.50**
CENTRAL REGION	59.10	59.20	60.79
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	60.70**	61.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00	59.90**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	58.50	58.15	57.54
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	59.90**	58.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	86-102

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 19-FEB-2001

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.70	666	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.70	666	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JANUARY	391,641*
FEBRUARY 1-10, 2001	194,960*
To date 2001	586,601*
To date 2000	574,315*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 10-Feb-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG		OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE		BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	839	7	21.48	(A)	841	21.48
S ATL	792	2	29.23	(A)	793	29.23
N CENT	2,071	6	30.45	(A)	2,073	30.45
S CENT	649	7	21.84	(A)	650	21.84
WEST	306	12	24.53	(A)	307	24.53
U.S.TOTAL	4,657(B)	6	27.04	7	4,664	27.04
TO DATE						
2001	26,973(B)			84	27,057	
TO DATE						
2000	26,415(B)			244	26,659	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the year 183,000; last year to date 32,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 10-Feb-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,923	2,696	38	7	4,664
AVG WT	16.41	34.68	22.59	38.29	27.62
LAST WEEK	1,795	2,548	45	14	4,402
SAME WK YR AGO	3,866(B)		0	13	3,879
AVG WT	27.43(B)		0.00	28.77	27.43
TO-DATE/2001	26,790(B)		183	84	27,057
TO-DATE/2000	26,383(B)		32	244	26,659

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 FEBRUARY 2001.

Undertone generally steady on 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand fair to good. Trading heavy on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for the light to mostly adequate offerings. Bulk parts inquiry mixed. Tom neck inquiry was slow with some buyers noting offers at lower price levels. Drum interest was active for both domestic and export, mostly export destinations for the limited offerings. Full-cut wing demand slow to moderate for the adequate offerings. Two-joint wing demand in a full range with offerings light at best. Domestic and export trading light on bulk parts and meat items. Hen 2-joint wings traded 30 cents delivered port for export. Offerings of frozen thigh meat continued available for domestic and export shipments at lower price levels with a few buyer bids noted at even lower prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00-102.00		100.39	1,440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	30.00	40
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	6
NECKS, HEN		R	24.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	156.50-158.00		157.25	80
THIGH MEAT	57.00		57.00	16
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	62.00	90
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	118.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	130.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	147.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	56.00-57.00		56.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.75-28.00		27.83	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.71	225
TAILS		F	21.42	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-56.00		55.39	132

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

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2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Seller sentiment steady to fully steady, buyer sentiment steady at best on fresh tom breast meat. Frozen tom breast meat undertone steady to fully steady. Destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to firm. White meat demand fair to good on breast meat and tenderloins, balance light to fair. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of priced fresh tom breast meat for current shipments and on a fair volume of open priced frozen tom breast meat for March shipments with a 150 cent floor and 154 cent ceiling, balance light. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat and on a light volume of tom 2-joint wings. Frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey trading light at 16 cents delivered April and 17 cents delivered May for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	100.39	1,440	100.32	1,520
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	40	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	27.00	20	27.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	22.00	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	29.00-31.00		29.50	160	29.60	200
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	40	26.64	166
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	150.00	40	149.50	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	156.00-159.00		157.48	620	156.70	1,540
THIGH MEAT	53.00		53.00	40	56.17	96
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00-60.00		58.50	80	58.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	10	115.00	50
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00-113.00		111.38	136	112.89	176
TENDERLOINS	120.00		120.00	14	120.00	14
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	130.00	80	130.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	145.00-147.00		145.80	50	146.33	90
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	54.00-58.00		56.30	200	56.44	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.50		15.62	130	16.27	990
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	40	28.00	400
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.43	184	19.83	444
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-25.75		25.17	312	25.17	312
TAILS		F	21.42	144		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	40	15.25	400
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-57.00		55.18	448	55.61	1,558

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